



Minnesota Dragon Boat Club

fostering community, compassion, challenge, and competition



2021 Annual Report

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***Kate Foley & Joe Yasis**
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Report of the Chair

GINNY MORAN



Having spent 2020 off the water because of COVID-19, the Minnesota Dragon Boat Club approached the new year with cautious optimism, enthusiasm, and hope.

- We started 2021 with outdoor get-togethers for camaraderie and exercise and carried our New Year's Day snowshoeing and hiking into spring.
- In April, after evaluating club finances, accepting early donations, and negotiating with the La Crosse Paddling Club, we purchased *Rose*, a 2015 BuK dragon boat, with equipment enough to expand our opportunities to paddle. *Rose* joined our first boat, *Aurora*, on Lake Phalen in early May.
- Later in May, we worked with fitness expert Carrie Lyles to offer team strength-building at Phalen Park.
- The spring brought expanded access to vaccines, tempering COVID and allowing us to get back on the water in June.
- Several new members joined our high-spirited paddling sessions, with more seasoned members coaching and steering this year.
- Balancing the desire to paddle competitively with concerns for safety, the club encouraged members to attend the few continuing dragon boat festivals on their own. Individual members raced in Florida, Minnesota, and Iowa.
- Given the COVID pandemic, some members chose not to actively participate, and some left the club. We could not offer open paddles to visiting dragon boaters or prospective members. Escalating COVID led us to cut the paddling season short.
- We closed the season with boat cleaning and storage, an October team luncheon, the club's second holiday gift guide event, and high hopes for a full dragon boat season in 2022.



*We celebrate the life and mourn the death of **Kate Foley**, who joined MNDBC in 2019 with immediate impact, coordinating and participating in the club's outreach and volunteer efforts with skill and enthusiasm. The challenges of ovarian cancer led Kate to resign as chair-elect in June, and she died on September 17, 2021.*

2021 in Pictures



From the top: Winter exercise and camaraderie, new-to-the club boat Rose, getting strong, on the water, and lining up for a paddle on Aurora



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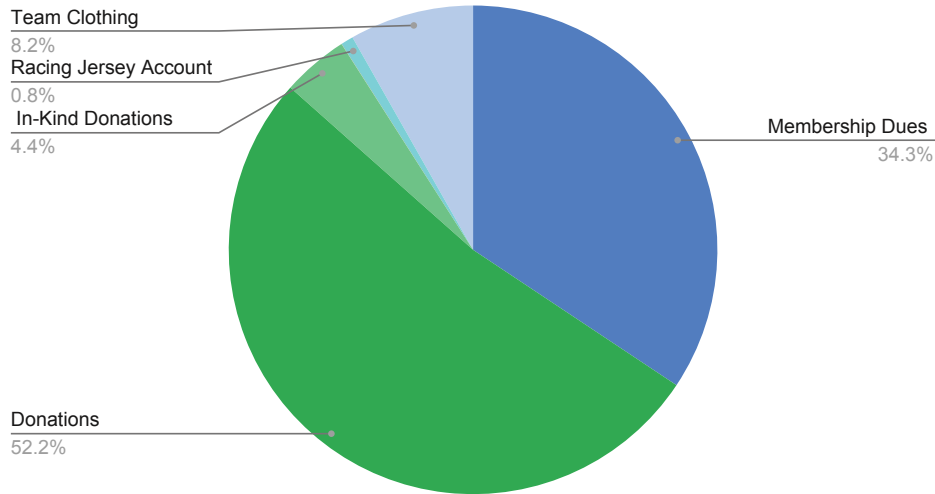


From the top: A sunny day on the water, a bath for Rose, cleaning a boat cover, and MNDBC members enjoying the fall lunch get-together

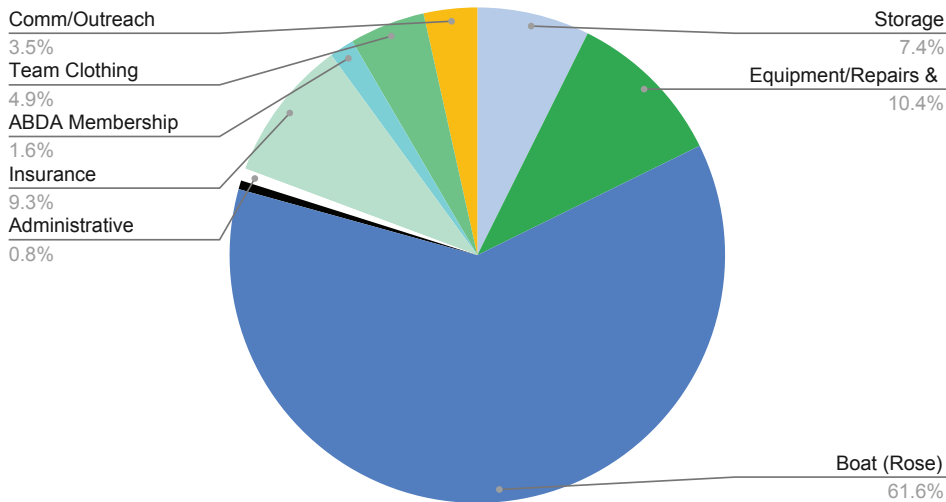


By the Numbers

TOTAL INCOME \$12,083.68



TOTAL EXPENSES \$15,428.42



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2021 Circle of Giving

COMPETITION

\$1,000+
Kate Foley

CHALLENGE

\$500 - \$999
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COMPASSION

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